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GRIDLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. )  
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Application for Certificates of Service Authority )  
for facilities-based and resold local exchange )  
telecommunications services pursuant to Sections )  
13-404 and 13-405 of the Public Utilities Act. )

Docket No.

00-0028

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**APPLICATION**

NOW COMES, Gridley Communications, Inc., by its attorneys, Troy A. Fodor and E. M. Fulton, Jr. of the law firm of Troy A. Fodor, P.C., and respectfully requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") grant it Certificates of Service Authority authorizing it to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Illinois pursuant to Sections 13-404 and 13-405 of the Universal Telephone Service Protection Law of 1985 (the "Act"), and in support thereof states as follows:

1. Gridley Communications, Inc. is a corporation organized under and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois and is in good standing with the Office of the Secretary of State,
2. Gridley Communications, Inc.'s corporate address for the service of documents is:

Gridley Communications, Inc.  
c/o Eric Kaufman, President  
108 East Third Street  
Gridley, IL 61744

Copies of notices and other communications related to this Application should be sent to Gridley Communications, Inc. at the above address and to the undersigned counsel at the address shown below.

3. Gridley Communications, Inc. is a telecommunications carrier providing interexchange telecommunications services subject to this Commission's jurisdiction. Gridley Communications, Inc. presently provides interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Illinois pursuant to the Certificate of Interexchange Service Authority and Certificate of Service Authority granted in Docket No. 95-0585. The Company's Certificates are on file with the Commission.

4. Gridley Communications, Inc. seeks by this Application to expand its present authority to include authorization to provide both competitive resold local exchange telecommunications and competitive facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Illinois.

5. Gridley Communications, Inc. has the requisite financial, technical and managerial ability to provide the resold and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services it seeks to provide by this Application. Gridley Communications, Inc. is affiliated with and shares officers and employees with Gridley Telephone Company which is an incumbent local exchange telecommunications provider. The two companies share a common parent company, Gridley Enterprises, Inc. ("Enterprises"). The management team and the employees of the combined Enterprises team will provide managerial, operational and technical support to Gridley Communications, Inc. for the provision of facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange service.

6. The grant of Certificates to Gridley Communications, Inc. would be consistent with the legislative policy stated in Section 13-103 of the Act. Approval of this Application by the Commission will further competition of telecommunications services and will thereby be a benefit to Illinois consumers by enhancing competition in a competitive field.

7. The Commission has previously granted Certificates of Exchange Service Authority and Certificates of Service Authority for state-wide competitive local exchange service.

8. Gridley Communications, Inc. recognizes that even though certificates for state-wide authority are being requested herein it may be required to request and obtain additional authority from this Commission before providing service in areas served by a rural telephone company pursuant to the requirements of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

9. The Commission has previously waived the applicability to Gridley Communications, Inc. of several provisions of Title 83 of the Illinois Administrative Code with respect to its interexchange services in the final order entered in Docket No. 95-0585. In connection with the grant of the Certificates requested herein, Gridley Communications, Inc. seeks a waiver of or variance from Part 710 and Section 735.180 of 83 Illinois Administrative Code with respect to its local exchange services. Such waivers and variances will reduce the economic burdens of regulation and will not be inconsistent with the law or the purposes or policy of the Universal Telephone Service Protection Law of 1985. The Commission has granted such waivers for other applicants previously.

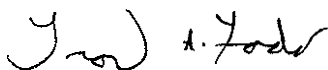
WHEREFORE, Gridley Communications, Inc. prays that the Commission enter an Order granting it a Certificate of Exchange Service Authority pursuant to Section 13-405 of the Act and a Certificate of Service Authority pursuant to Section 13-404 of the Act authorizing Gridley

Communications, Inc. to provide competitive facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Illinois and enter an order waiving or finding inapplicable the requested Parts of 83 Illinois Administrative Code and granting such other relief as the Commission deems just.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gridley Communications, Inc.

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The undersigned, Eric Kaufman, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he is the President of Gridley Communications, Inc., that he has read the foregoing APPLICATION and that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of his information and belief.

Eric A. Kaufman  
Eric Kaufman

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before  
me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

Lisa R. Kroner  
Notary Public

